Pending Constitutional Cases before the Supreme Court

3997. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1996 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th May, 1993 and state :

(a) the number of cases out of the 356 constitutional cases referred to the full bench of Supreme Court which have not heard even once by the apex court ; and

(b) the details of such cases, alongwith the date of filing or pendency ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cost Auditing

3998. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that only certain industries are subjected to compulsory cost auditing ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not making it mandatory for all the industries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) Till-date forty Cost Accounting Record Rules covering 79 products have been prescribed under Section 209(1)(d) read with Section 642 of the Companies Act, 1956 for statutory maintenance of Cost Books of Accounts. The details of these are given in the statement (*See* below). Prescribing of Cost Audit in respect of Industries engaged in production, processing, manufacturing or mining activities is a continuous process and rules are prescribed for a particular product/industry from time to time.

Statement

List of Products covered under Cost Accounting Record Rules prescribed under Section 209(1) (*d*) *of the Companies Act*, 1956

S. No.	Name of the Product
1.	Cement
2.	Cycles
3.	Rubber Tyres & Tubes
4.	Caustic Soda
5.	Room Air Conditioners
6.	Refrigerators
7.	Automobile Batteries
8.	Electric Lamps
9.	Electric Fans
10.	Electric Motors
11.	Motor Vehicles
12.	Tractors
13.	Aluminium
14.	Vanaspati
15.	Bulk Drugs
16.	Sugar
17.	Infant Milk Food
18.	Industrial Alcohol
19.	Jute Goods
20.	Paper

S. No.	Name of the Product
21.	Rayon
22.	Dyes
23.	Soda Ash
24.	Nylon
25.	Polyester
26.	Cotton Textiles
27.	Dry Cell Batteries
28.	Sulphuric Acid
29.	Steel Tubes & Pipes
30.	Engineering Industries
	(i) Power Driven Pumps
	(ii) Diesel Engines/Internal Combustion Engines
31.	Electric Cables & Conductors
32.	Bearings
33.	Milk Food
34.	**Chemical Industries**
	a. Ethylene
	b. Ethylene Oxide
	c. Ethylene Glycol
	d. Diethylene-Glycol
	e. Polyethylene Glycol
	f. Ethylene Dichloride
	g. Propylene
	h. Isopropanol
	i. Acetone
	j. Diacetone Alcohol
	k. Methyl Isobutyl Ketones (MISK)
	l. Butanol
	m. 2 Ethyl Hexanol
	n. Butadiene
	o. Benzene
	p. Toluene
	q. Synthetic Resins & Plastics
	r. Synthetic Rubber
	s. Boric Acid
	t. Sodium Tripoly Phosphate
35.	Formulations
36.	Mini Steel Plants
37.	Insecticides-Technical Grade
38.	Fertilizers
39.	Soaps & Detergents
40.	Cosmetics and Toiletries
	a. Powders
	b. Creams
	c. Tooth Pastes
	d. Tooth Powders

S. No.	Name of the Product
	e. Shaving Creams
	f. After Shave lotions
	g. Shaving Soaps
	h. Shaving foams
	i. Perfumes
	j. Hair Oils
	k. Hair Creams
	l. Oxidation Hair Dyes, Liquids
	m. Mouth Wash
	n. Cologne
	o. Shampoos—Soap based
	p. Shampoos—Synthetics Detergent based
	q. Room freshners
	r. Deodorants
	s. Surfactants.

Guwahati High Court

3999. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government would consider limiting the jurisdiction of the Guwahati High Court within the State of Assam by abolishing its jurisdiction as common High Court of the six States ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) It was decided, in principle, that there should be separate High Courts for the States in the north-eastern region, and in the first instance permanent Benches of the Guwahati High Court be established in the Capitals of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura after the requisite infrastructural facilities have been provided by the State Governments. Accordingly, permanent Benches of the Guwahati High Court have so far been established in the Capitals of Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura.

Entry of Foreign Law Firms into India

4000. SHRI K. R. MALKANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bar Council of India has opposed the entry of foreign law firms into India, as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' of 28th March, 1994 ; and

(b) if so, whether Government would assure the Indian Bar Council that all necessary steps would be taken to safeguard the interests of the Bar and the litigant public ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pending Cases in SC/HCs

4001. SHRI RAJUBHA A. PARMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of cases pending with the Supreme Court and the different High Courts and how these figures compare with the corresponding figures as at the end of 1992 and 1991 ; and

(b) what steps are being taken and are contemplated to clear the backlog of cases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

भोपाल में उच्च न्यायालय की खंड पीठ

4002. **श्री राघवजी** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश की राजधानी भोपाल में उच्च न्यायालय की खंड पीठ स्थापित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उक्त बेंच कब तक स्थापित किए जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो राज्य की राजधानी होने के बावजूद वहां इस दिशा में कोई ठोस कदम न उठाए जाने के कारण क्या हैं ?

विधि, न्याय और कम्पनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज) : (क) से (ग) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से, राज्य पुनर्गठन अधिनियम